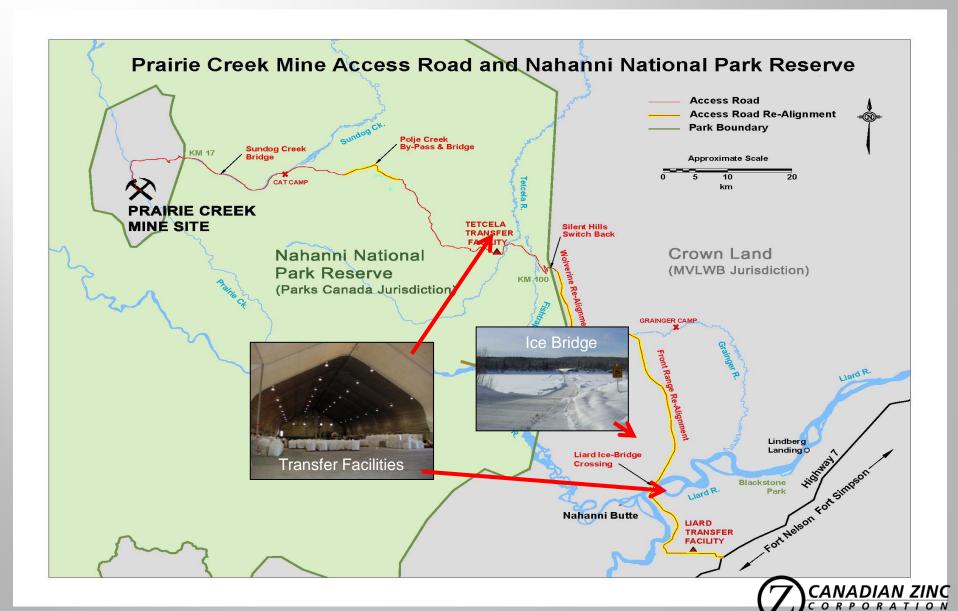




# PRAIRIE CREEK MINE: ALL SEASON ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING June, 2014



#### Mine Access Road and Transfer Facilities

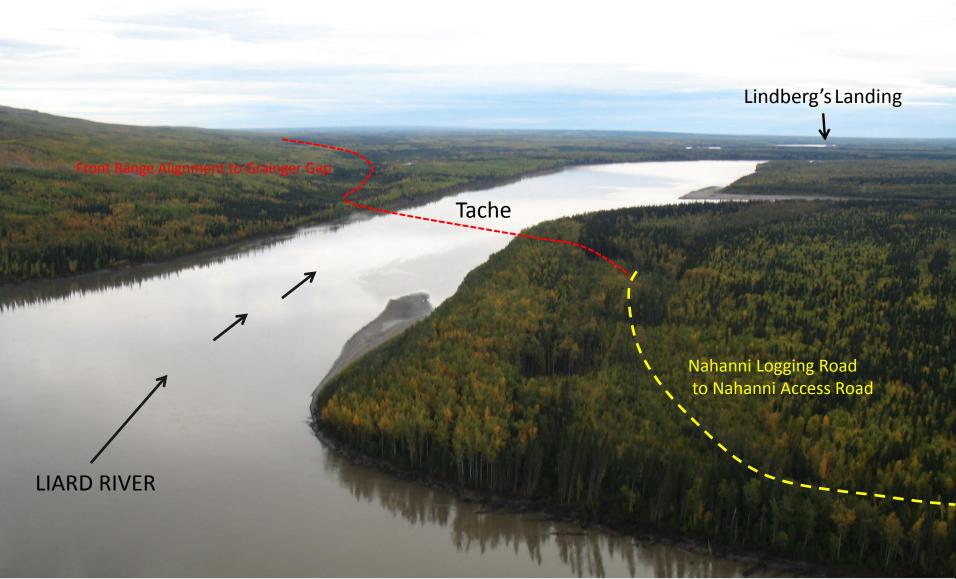


## Winter Road Operation Strategy

- Open western part of road to Tetcela Transfer Facility (TTF) in early winter
- Start haul of concentrates to TTF
- Open eastern part of road to Liard Hwy by January 15
- Complete concentrate haul to LTF by March 31







Location of Liard Crossing: Ice Bridge, Barge Landings and Staging Areas

# **Expected Liard Facility Transfer Traffic**

From	Trips	Period	
	per Day	From	То
Mine & TTF	58	January 15	March 6
Mine	37	March 6	April 15
Fort Nelson	14	January 15	October 15*

Dates subject to weather

\* Does not signify end of haul period



#### Winter Road Operation Issues

- Risk of early winter opening not possible
- Risk of accidents in busy winter period, especially in the mountains
- Mine revenue from concentrates stranded until delivered to market



### All Season Road Opportunities

- An all season road bed already exists between the Mine and Cat Camp (Km 40), and was permitted for all season use previously
- Very little soft ground between the Mine and the TTF
- An all season road would be a regional stimulus



#### All Season Road Application

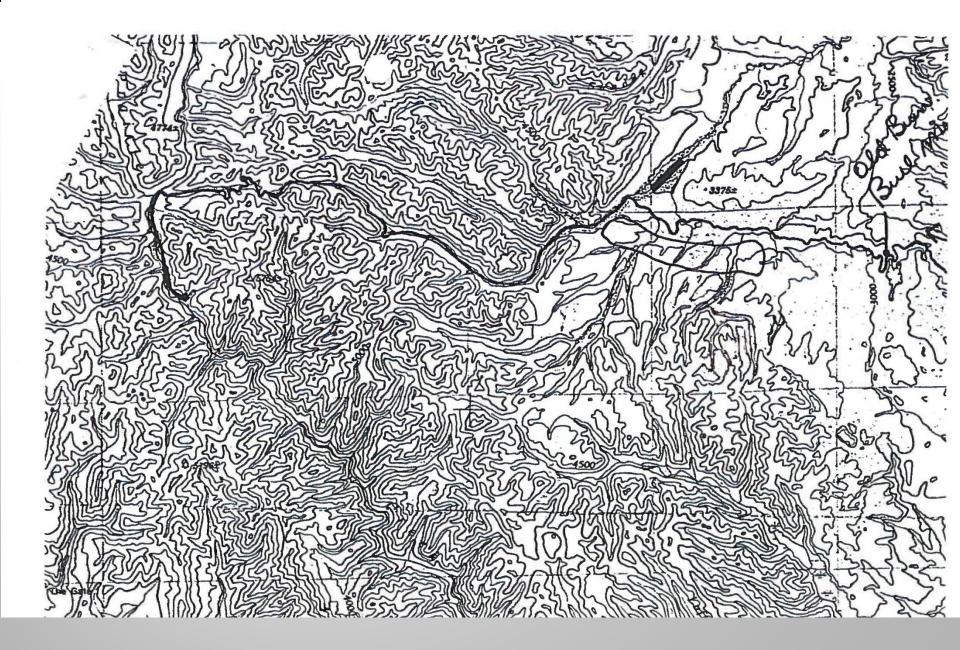
#### Phase 1 - CZN only

- All season road from the Mine to TTF, taking advantage of existing bed and good ground
- Expansion of the TTF to store more concentrates and allow for a refuelling station
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> airstrip connected to the road, and use of historical airstrips

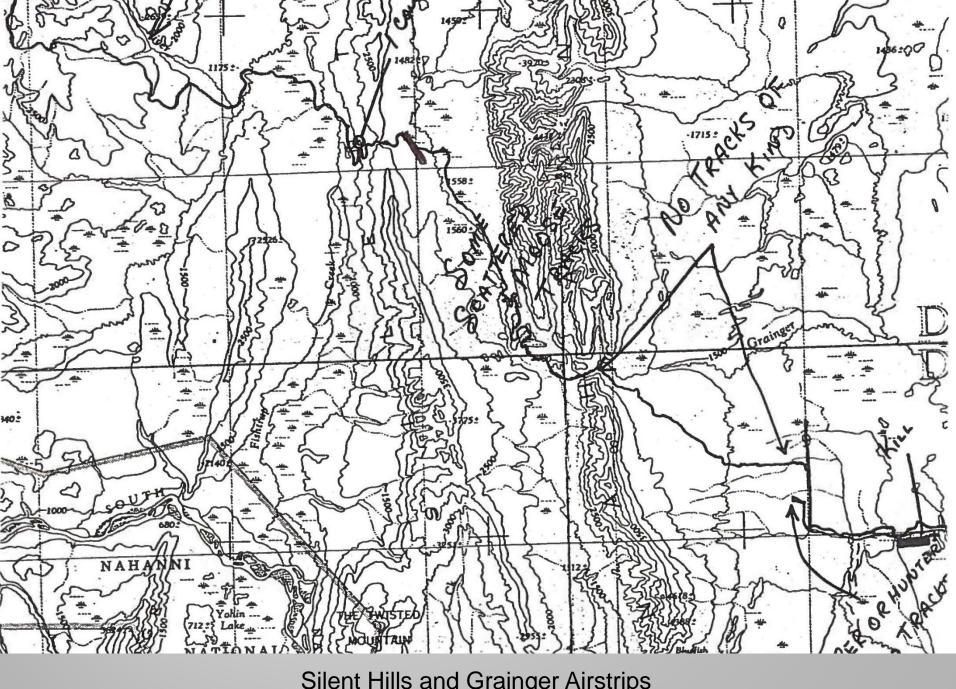
#### > Phase 2 - CZN or a Collaboration

 All season road from the TTF to the Liard Highway, but much more soft ground

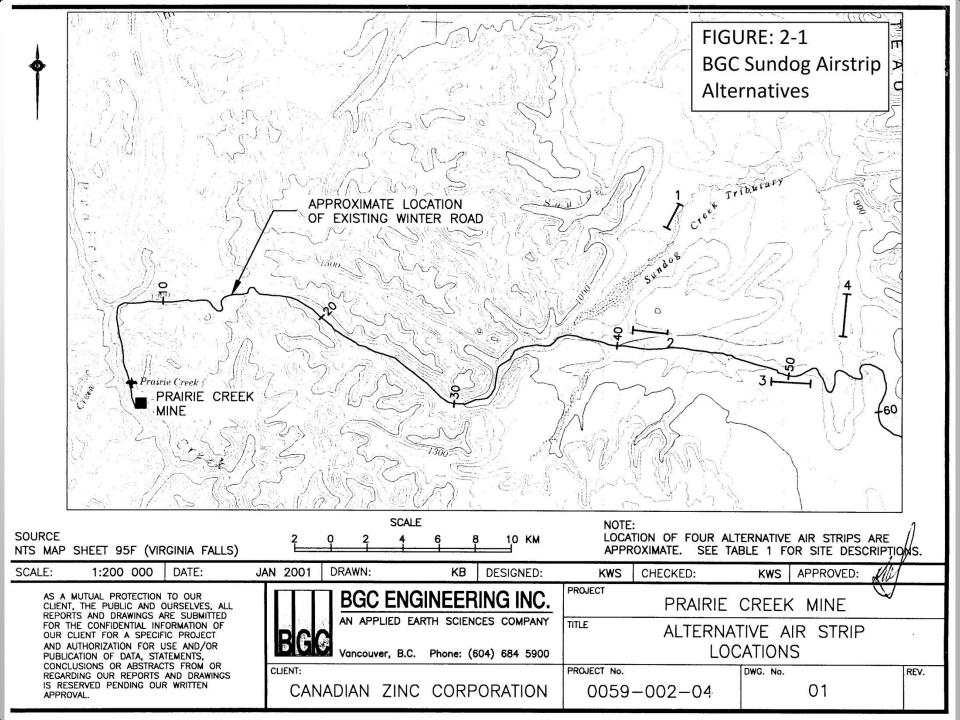




Cat Camp Airstrip



Silent Hills and Grainger Airstrips



#### All Season Road Construction

- Use of winter road alignment, with possible minor alterations
- Single lane with turn-outs
- Road sub-bed of fill with gravel surfacing, material sourced locally
- Appropriate stream crossing and runoff management structures
- Barge ramps and landings on the Liard River

## Aggregate Sources





## TTF Expansion





#### All Season Road Traffic - Phase 2

- Estimated 16 truck trips per day from the Mine, likely in convoys, taking concentrates out and bringing supplies in on backhaul
- Limited number of special deliveries e.g. explosives
- No change in Liard Highway traffic



# Potential Environmental Issues Phase 1

- Creek crossings
- Wildlife disturbance
- > Risk of spills, especially on karst

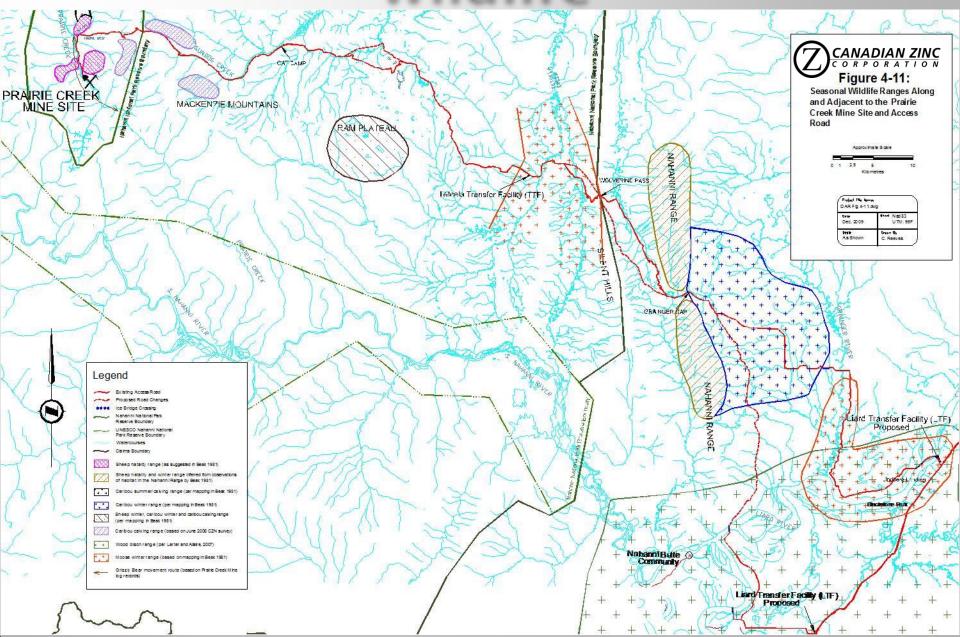


# Potential Environmental Issues Phase 2

- Creek crossings
- Wildlife disturbance
- Hunting pressure on wildlife from increased access
- > Increased tourism
- Summer Mine traffic



#### Wildlife



# Fish





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#### All Season Road Application

> Thank you

> Questions?

